

Appl. No. 10/076,071
Amdt. dated December 24, 2008
Reply to Office Action mailed October 2, 2008

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

After entry of the above amendments, Claims 531-542, 547-548, 551-552, 555, 558, 560, 569-576 and 581-582 will be pending.

The Examiner's allowance of Claims 531-542, 547-548, 552, 555, 558, 560 and 569-576 is noted with appreciation.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 551, 581 and 582 on the basis that they are indefinite. It is the Examiner's position that Xaa₄ is not defined in these claims. Claim 551 has been amended to add a definition of Xaa₄. Support for this amendment may be found on, e.g., page 18, lines 1-16 and page 8, line 8, of the application.

Based on the foregoing, Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw this rejection. Further, Applicants believe that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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